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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated September 12, 2007, having a three-month shortened statutory period for reply. Accompanying this response is a petition for a one-month extension of time, setting a new time for reply that ends on January 14, 2008, since January 12, 2008 was a Saturday and January 13, 2008 was a Sunday. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 32.